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**Statement Addressing Ottawa Transit Commission Vote  
on Review of OC Transpo Advertising Policy**

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**Announcing New December Ad Campaign**

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*Today the ReThink911 campaign released this statement in advance of the Ottawa Transit Commission's November 20 vote on requesting a review of OC Transpo's advertising policy:*

Tomorrow the Ottawa Transit Commission votes on whether to request a review of OC Transpo's advertising policy. Transit Commission Chair and City Councillor Diane Deans proposed this review in response to seeing ads on OC Transpo buses during the recent 9/11 anniversary that asked riders, "Did you know a 3<sup>rd</sup> tower fell on 9/11?" Ms. Deans called the ads "insensitive" and apparently believes that the ads violate standards of community acceptability. Ms. Deans did not change her position or apologize when it was made clear that the ads were sponsored in part by 9/11 victims' family members.

Any recommendation to limit free speech on OC Transpo in light of this issue must take into consideration the following facts: (1) the ads featured only factual statements about the destruction of World Trade Center Building 7 and the 2,000 architects and engineers associated with Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth who call for a new investigation, along with the tagline "The evidence might surprise you;" (2) a poll commissioned by ReThink911 has shown that by a margin of nearly 3 to 1 Canadians do not think OC Transpo's advertising policy should be revised (54% versus 19%).

ReThink911 ads have met with a favorable response from most Canadians who have seen them – both because they are tasteful and because the evidence to which they draw attention is convincing. [The poll](#) commissioned by [ReThink911](#) revealed that after viewing video footage of Building 7's collapse, those who suspect the collapse was caused by controlled demolition outnumber those who suspect it was caused by fires 51% to 18%. Rather than making claims about the unacceptability of questioning 9/11, should not elected officials themselves be questioning 9/11 on behalf of the people they were elected to represent?

The ReThink911 campaign is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a second round of advertisements in Ottawa and Toronto this December to raise further awareness of questions surrounding the destruction of Building 7. Starting the first week of December, thanks to the generosity and commitment of hundreds of supporters, ReThink911 ads will be seen on the backs of dozens of buses in Ottawa and inside hundreds of subway cars and buses in Toronto, featuring a new question: "Have you seen the video of World Trade Center 7's collapse? 51% of Canadians who see it suspect it was a controlled demolition."

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